This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-5. (cancelled).

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- 6. (previously presented) A hearing aid device, comprising:
 - a hearing aid device housing;
 - a voltage source with a voltage source housing, the voltage source comprising at least one ventilation opening for ventilation in the voltage source housing; and
 - a ventilation mechanism configured to repeatedly enable and prevent the ventilation of the voltage source without disassembling the housing or battery bay,
 - wherein the voltage source is arranged in a battery chamber connected to the hearing aid device that can be rotated or turned, and the ventilation opening of the voltage source is opened or closed via the rotation or turning motion of the battery chamber.
- 7. (original) The hearing aid device according to claim 6, wherein the hearing aid device can be activated or deactivated via the rotating or turning motion of the battery chamber.
- 8-14. (cancelled).
- 25 15. (currently amended) A hearing aid device, comprising:
 - a hearing aid device housing;

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- a voltage source with a voltage source housing, the voltage source comprising at least one ventilation opening for ventilation in the voltage source housing;
- a ventilation mechanism configured to repeatedly enable and prevent the ventilation of the voltage source without disassembling the housing or battery bay;
- a battery <u>chamber</u> ease configured to accept the voltage source that can be sealed in an essentially air-tight manner; and
- a battery chamber in which the voltage source is arranged, the battery chamber being connected to the hearing aid device and that can be rotated or turned, and the battery chamber is opened or closed at least in an essentially air-tight fashion by the rotating or turning motion.
- 16. (original) The hearing aid device according to claim 15, wherein the hearing aid device is configured to be activated or deactivated by the rotating or turning motion, the battery chamber being air-permeable given an activated hearing aid device and at least essentially air-tight given a deactivated hearing aid device.
- 20 17-21 (cancelled).

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- 22. (currently amended) A hearing aid device, comprising:
 - a hearing aid device housing;
 - a voltage source with a voltage source housing, the voltage source comprising at least one ventilation opening for ventilation in the voltage source housing;

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- a ventilation mechanism configured to repeatedly enable and prevent the ventilation of the voltage source without disassembling the housing or battery bay;
- a sealing device with at least one closeable sealing device opening that encloses the ventilation opening of the voltage source;
- an open-close mechanism to open or close the sealing device opening; and
- a battery chamber in which the voltage source is arranged, the battery chamber being connected to the hearing aid device and that can be rotated or turned, and the <u>sealing device</u> opening is opened or closed by a rotating or turning motion.
- 23. (original) The hearing aid device according to claim 22, wherein the hearing aid device is configured to be activated or deactivated by the rotating or turning
 motion, the opening being open given an activated hearing aid device and closed given a deactivated hearing aid device.

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